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SUBJECT US-CANADA RELATIONS: PRESS REACTION

1. COMMENTS OF 15 MEMBERS OF REPUBLICAN WEDNESDAY CLUB  
IN US-CANADA RELATIONS HAS PROMPTED SARCASTIC EDITORIAL  
COMMENT IN ST.JOHN S EVENING TELEGRAM (5/4/76) UNDER  
HEADING "GOOD NEIGHBORS". FRUSTRATIONS OF US NEGOTIATORS  
WITH WHAT REPORT CALLED CANADA S "DELIBERATELY  
OBSTRUCTIONIST POSITIONS" VIEWED WITH EQUANIMITY BY  
NEWSPAPER SINCE THEY (I.E. US NEGOTIATORS) HAVE "HAD  
THINGS THEIR OWN WAY FOR SO LONG."

2. EDITORIAL WENT ON TO SAY:

"CANADA HAS BEEN FRUSTRATED TOO, E.G. OVER  
EFFORTS TO DEVELOP TRADE WITH CUBA. THEN,  
THERE S THE AUTO PACT, THAT THE CONGRESSMEN  
FEEL SHOULD BE RENEWED. NO WONDER--THE PACT  
HAS BUILT A LARGE TRADE SURPLUS FOR THE AMERICANS  
WITH A CORRESPONDING DEFICIT FOR CANADA AND  
IT S LIKELY THERE LL BE SOME OBSTRUCTION  
WHEN THE DEAL COMES UP SOON FOR RENEGOTIATION..."

3. CONCLUDING PORTION OF EDITORIAL WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT  
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TRANS-BORDER FRICTIONS ARE STEMMING FROM OTTAWA S "THIRD

OPTION". FINAL SENTENCE DROPPED THE SARCASM AND GAVE  
OPINION THAT THIRD OPTION IS FINE AS LONG AS IT DOES NOT  
GO TOO FAR AND TURN GOOD NEIGHBORS INTO BAD FRIENDS.  
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